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Application of: Jean-Marie VOGEL et al.

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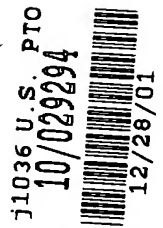
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For: IMPLANTABLE PARTICLES FOR
TISSUE BULKING AND THE
TREATMENT OF
GASTROESOPHAGEAL REFLUX
DISEASE, URINARY INCONTINENCE,
AND SKIN WRINKLES

Attorney Docket No.: 9676-311



INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a), a list of fifty-three (53) references is submitted on the enclosed revised Form PTO-1449 entitled "List of References Cited by Applicant." The references were cited in the parent application, Serial Number 09/263,773, filed March 5, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,335,028. Copies of the references are not enclosed as they should be available in the file of the parent application. Should the Examiner be unable to locate copies of the references, Applicants will supply them upon request.

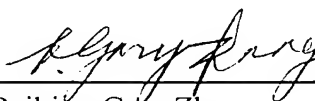
The citation of the listed references is not to be construed as an admission that such references are necessarily relevant or prior art. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the cited references and make them of record in the file history of the present application.

No fee is believed due for this submission, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1), as it is being made within three months of the filing date. Should any fee be required, however, please charge any such fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150.

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